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PREFATORY ARTICLE BY MAO TSE-TUNG ON THE OCCASION OF THE INITIAL
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[The writer, Mao Tse-tung, states that the function of "The Communist" is to help build a strong orthodox party by bringing to the achievement of its unfinished tasks and to the solution of its unsolved problems the lessons learned from the party's 18 years of experience. The major points made in his resume are summarized below:]

1. Cooperation between the proletarian and bourgeois classes in a united front against the Japanese is possible and is advantageous to the Chinese revolution and to the party.
2. In anti-Japanese military action, cooperate with the propertied classes, but in political matters keep up the bloodless ideological struggle against them.
3. Through such cooperation, the Party grows not only numerically but also in its capacity for armed struggle. Without the capacity for armed struggle, there is no place for the proletariat, for the Party, or for the success of the revolution.
4. Military action on a united front is the basic weapon for the defeat of the enemy. Under existing circumstances, guerrilla warfare is the type of fighting most suitable for the Chinese Communist forces. Skill and effectiveness developed against the Japanese will be useful and effective if and when there comes a break between the proletariat and the wealthy propertied classes and the reactionaries.
5. Do not become so engrossed in the anti-Japanese struggle as to fail to be prepared to take advantage of a possible greatly changed domestic situation, and to avoid unanticipated injury to the Party cause due to possible sudden changes.

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6. In the anti-Japanese struggle, the CCP and CCF have established a base among the people which will serve them effectively if and when a break comes between the CCP and the wealthy bourgeoisie.

7. A consideration of the correlation of the above-mentioned points will lead to an understanding of the main features of the Party's policies, and indicate the purposes which this publication is to serve.

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